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MEDIUM, AND PROGRAM

REPLY BRIEF

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SIR:

This is a reply to the Examiner's Answer dated January 9, 2009.

Initially, applicant confirms that only U.S. Patent Application No. 10/067,310 is under appeal. Applicants apologize for erroneously indicating that U.S. Patent Application No. 10/067,304 is under appeal in the Appeal Brief.

The Examiner's Answer cites paragraphs 18, 19, and 28 of Dworkin as implicitly describing "hyperlink data of a webpage of a user of the first terminal." It is respectfully submitted that the publishing service created by the ASP and assigned to a customer is at best a webpage of the *ASP*, not a user of the first terminal. However, even assuming *arguendo* the URL described in paragraph 28 of Dworkin is "hyperlink data of a webpage of a user of the first terminal," Dworkin apparently describes that this is sent to "the customer," the user of the first terminal. Thus, Dworkin does not, explicitly or implicitly, describe any device that provides the publishing service to *second and third terminals*. Therefore, it is

respectfully submitted that Dworkin does not describe a reservation information providing unit configured to provide *to second and third terminals* information including *hyperlink data of a webpage of a user of the first terminal*.

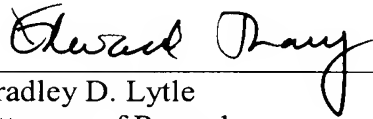
The Examiner's Answer again cites as “hyperlink data” the description in Dailey of the use of a network address, which is an identification number of a meeting host’s computer, such as an IP address. It is again respectfully submitted that a network address is “hyperlink data of a webpage of a user of the first terminal.” The Examiner's Answer further cites command buttons 1918 and 1920 of Dailey as “hyperlinks” which provide access to a host’s webpage. However, as shown in Figure 10A of Dailey, buttons 1918 and 1920 are simply GUI command buttons, not hyperlinks. Further, these command buttons do not provide any information to second and third terminals, much less hyperlink data of a webpage of a user of the first terminal.

Accordingly, the proposed combination of Dworkin in view of Dailey does not teach or suggest “a reservation information providing unit configured to provide *to the second and third terminals* information including shared authentication data, a description of the first service, scheduling information and *hyperlink data of a webpage of a user of the first terminal*” as recited in Claim 1 or “providing information *to the second and third terminals* including shared authentication data, a description of the first service, scheduling information and *hyperlink data of a webpage of a user of the first terminal*” as recited in Claims 4-6. Consequently, independent Claims 1 and 4-6 (and all claims dependent therefrom) are believed to define over Dworkin in view of Dailey for at least the reasons discussed herein and in the Appeal Brief.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejections be REVERSED.

Respectfully submitted,

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